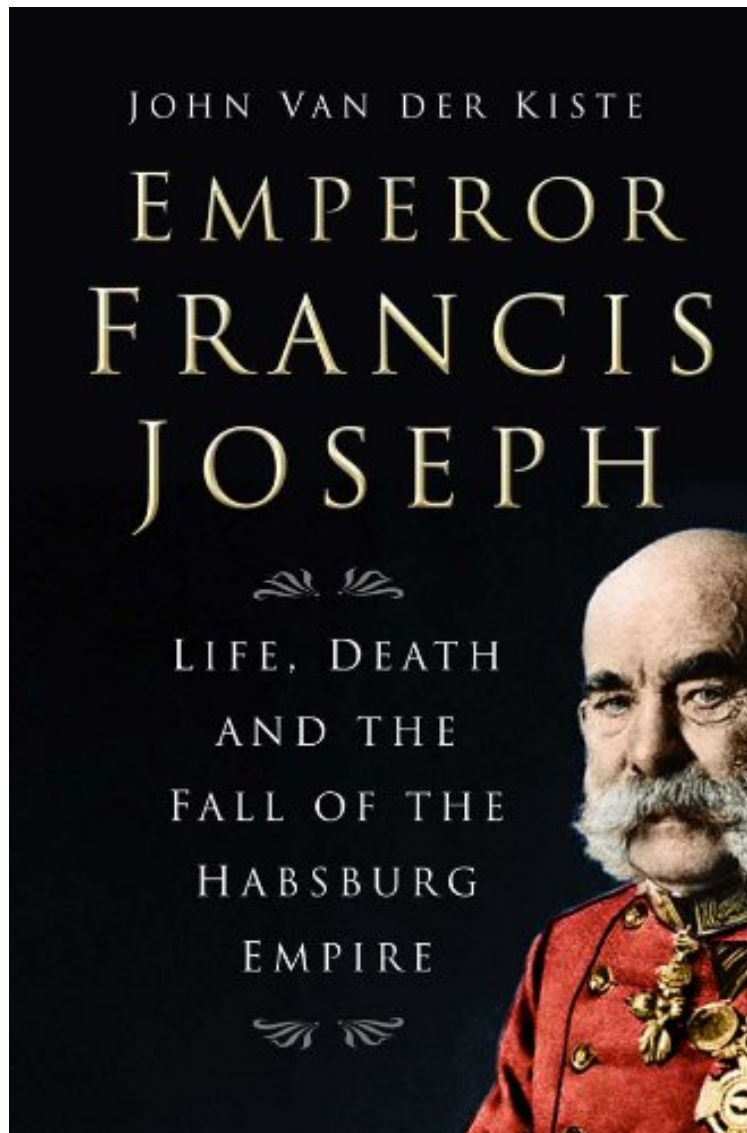


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Hungary", the beautiful and bizarre Empress Elisabeth (Sisi) murdered by an anarchist, the only son and heir Rudolf who committed suicide and the second heir Franz Ferdinand, his nephew, gunned down by another anarchist triggering WW I, a changing world from 1830 till 1916 presided over by a seemingly unchangeable Emperor-King. Duty above all. The Emperor himself becoming an icon, the one who had been always there and seems to be the only force to keep the forces at bay who wanted to destroy the monarchy. The last decades were like a dance on the volcano. John Van Der Kiste is one of my favorite authors and I have read most of his books. He can combine the political and human side of things in an highly readable and interesting way. Francis Joseph's personality emerges. He can paint a picture of the man and the king-emperor, one does understand what he was about. It is vivid, lively and absorbing. A long-gone area is coming alive again. It is interesting to observe how a monarch who did get the most important things not right, who was nevertheless hardly ever criticized as person, who gained an iconized status properly just for being around 68 odd years and doing till the last minute his duty could not ensure the survival of the institution he served so faithfully. Ultimately he failed. Maybe an interesting parallel when judging present European monarchs? All in all this is an excellent book! I enjoyed every page.

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